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FOR MATLOCK FROM SHINN

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE CAT TALKS RESUME IN HELSINKI ON JULY 18 AND WILL RUN THROUGH THE 28TH. LES GELB VERY MUCH VALUES PARTICIPATION OF AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND CONSIDERS IT PARTICULARLY ESSENTIAL FOR THIS ROUND. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE WILL BE FOUR WORKING GROUPS (POLITICAL/LEGAL CRITERIA, MILITARY/TECHNICAL, REGIONAL, AND MILITARY SPECIALISTS) WORKING BETWEEN THE REGULAR PLENARY SESSIONS. INTER ALIA, GARY MATTHEWS AND THE EMBASSY OFFICER WOULD HELP OUT WITH SOME OF THE INTERPRETING IN THE WORKING GROUPS AS THEY DEAL ALSO WITH THE SUBSTANCE. CAN YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW WHETHER DICK MILES OR JACK SONTAG CAN ATTEND THE TALKS, ARRIVING HELSINKI JULY 16?

2. THERE ARE FOUR BELARUS TECHNICIANS IN MILWAUKEE.
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3. CORD HANSEN-STURM SAYS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE INVITED AN ARCHITECT FROM AMERICAN EXPRESS TO COME TO MOSCOW BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST TO LOOK AT THE NEW OFFICE SPACE. CORD CONSIDERS THIS A POSITIVE SIGN.

4. CORD IS THINKING ABOUT TAKING JOHN MARSCHALKO OUT OF

MOSCOW FOR A FEW MONTHS THIS SUMMER. HE IS CONCERNED THAT MARSCHALKO MIGHT BE A PRIME TARGET FOR ANY FURTHER ACTION THE SOVIETS MAY TAKE AGAINST THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEM WITH HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE; AMEXCO WOULD SEND IN SOMEONE ELSE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

5. MEETING OF THE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SCC ON JULY 14 WILL DISCUSS SECURITY AT THE EMBASSY. WE EXPECT THE KEY ASPECT WILL BE THE CHAR FORCE IN SUBSTANTIVE WORK AREAS. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FIVE OPTIONS AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ASAP ON THEIR RELATIVE VIABILITY AND PRACTICALITY, WITH PRIMARY FOCUS BEING ON SECURITY AND COST CONSIDERATIONS. THE OPTIONS (PLEASE ADD OR MODIFY) ARE:

- A. CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF SOVIET CHAR FORCE WITH INCREASED MSG SURVEILLANCE;
- B. EMPLOYMENT OF SOVIET CHARS TO CLEAN ONLY LAVATORIES AND CORRIDORS, U.S. STAFF DOING RUDIMENTARY HOUSEKEEPING IN OFFICES. A VARIATION WOULD BE TO PERMIT THOROUGH CLEANING BY SOVIET CHARS ONCE A WEEK, FOLLOWED BY A CAREFUL SECURITY SWEEP;
- C. EMPLOYMENT OF U.S. DEPENDENTS OR NANNIES FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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HOUSEKEEPING TASKS;

- D. EMPLOYMENT OF THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS; AND
- E. ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. JANITORIAL PERSONNEL.

6. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, OPTIONS A AND B SEEM MOST PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC. NEITHER RAISES THE COST OF CHANCERY HOUSEKEEPING NOR REQUIRES ADDITIONAL HOUSING. HOWEVER, NEITHER FULLY RESOLVES THE SECURITY PROBLEM. (DOES SOME COMBINATION OF B AND C LOOK TO YOU WORTH EXPLORING?)

7. FYI. THE IMPULSE FOR THIS SPRINGS FROM THE WEST WING, WHERE THE ORIGINAL NOTION WAS TOTAL ELIMINATION OF LOCALS. FOCUS ON THE CHAR FORCE IN SUBSTANTIVE AREAS IS OUR IDEA. DISCUSSION TO DATE HAS BEEN GENERAL AND VERY PRELIMINARY. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO COME TO YOU IN A FORMAL CHANNEL WHEN WE CAN BETTER SEE WHAT THE SERIOUS POSSIBILITIES ARE.

8. AS YOU KNOW FROM STATE 161467, BOB WINDSOR OF SOV WILL ACCOMPANY USDEL TO S&T JOINT COMMISSION MEETING JULY 17-22.

SINCE BOB IS A PRIME CANDIDATE FOR MOSCOW ASSIGNMENT IN 1980, WE WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE HIS FAMILIARITY WITH THE EMBASSY DURING THE VISIT. HE WILL BE DEALING WITH SCI DURING THE JCM; ORIENTATION CALLS ON OTHER SECTIONS CAN BE ARRANGED AS MUTUALLY CONVENIENT. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT BOB STAY ON AFTER MEETING AND VISIT LENINGRAD AND KIEV. VANCE

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